

CRAIG WILL FORCE HOME RULE CHARTER

Tells Revision Committee He Will Present Plan to Legislature.

WANTS QUICK ACTION

'Birch Bark' Document Would Abolish Transit Boards and Others.

ENLARGES CITY POWERS

State Excluded From Any Jurisdiction Over Public Utilities.

Comptroller Charles L. Craig, as a member of Gov. Miller's New York City Charter Revision Commission, served notice on the other members of the commission yesterday that unless they adopt his "home rule" charter when they meet Tuesday he will submit it to the Legislature himself next January.

Craig's plan abolishes the Transit and Public Service commissions and gives the city the right to own and operate any sort of public utility. It enlarges the powers of the city government in every way, increases salaries, takes over the county offices and provides home rule to the limit of the State Constitution. He wrote it last December while on a hunting expedition in Canada—"with juniper juice and a porcupine's quill on birch bark," he said. It has been known since as "Craig's birch bark charter."

The Charter Revision Commission was appointed November 23, 1921, and consists of sixteen members, including the Mayor, the Comptroller, one Borough President and one Alderman. It has considered numerous suggestions, but

has not yet reported the result of its deliberations to the Governor.

Mr. Craig's letter follows:

"On January 10, 1922, I submitted to your commission a proposed home rule charter for the city of New York, prepared by me at the request of your commission at its meeting in December, 1921. Nearly a year has elapsed since this proposed charter was received by your commission, but up to the present time no definite action has been taken by your commission in regard to it, other than to postpone consideration of its merits.

"When your commission adjourned on October 3, 1922, until November 14 it was avowedly for the purpose of awaiting the result of the State election, for Prof. McBain, in arguing for such an adjournment, did not hesitate to say: 'I personally think it is not a matter of the effect of this thing (charter) upon the election but it is a lot more the effect the election might have on this thing.'

"The result of the election is now sufficiently well known to leave no doubt in the mind of any member of your commission as to the character of a charter that should be reported by it to the Legislature. It was with a forward view that I submitted such a charter to you on January 10, 1922. It is inconceivable that any member of the commission should now entertain the view that a reactionary charter, or one that in any degree fails to give the city of New York the full measure of home rule, would receive the approval of the incoming Legislature, the Mayor of New York city or Gov. Smith.

Demands Home Rule.

"The determination to approve the home rule charter prepared by me involves but two questions: First, whether a short form charter is to be granted to the city of New York, permitting it to enact local legislation through the local authorities; and second, whether the city of New York is to be freed from State interference in such purely municipal matters as transportation and other public utilities lying wholly within the limits of the greater city.

"Under the home rule charter the Legislature will give to the city of New York the largest measure of self government possible under the present Constitution. New York is far behind other States where home rule has been secured to municipalities as a matter of constitutional right; and home rule in New York can never become fully effective except by constitutional amendment.

"Under the Home Rule Charter the Municipal Assembly, consisting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and the Board of Aldermen, would be the legislative body of the City of New York, and by ordinance would enact all legislation concerning local affairs. This means that the government of New York city would be determined by its own people. When the provisions authorizing the city to own, control and operate its public utilities, and to regu-

late those privately owned within the city, become effective, the Transit Commission and the Public Service Commission will cease to function in this city.

"Aside from the creation of a Municipal Assembly no material change is made in the present form of government. The Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen and Borough Presidents are continued with practically their present duties. A majority of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment must include the votes of two of the three members from the city at large. The Corporation Counsel is made elective. The Municipal Assembly in the exercise of its legislative powers would have authority to abolish or consolidate the departments, bureaus and offices; to determine the number of employees in the city and country offices and fix the compensation of all except elective officers.

"Elective officers may be removed by the Municipal Assembly by proceedings similar to impeachment instead of by the Governor as heretofore.

"The Home Rule Charter provides for a strong and responsible representative government. It is in effect the Constitution of Greater New York. It contains about 7,000 words as against the 60,000 words of the present charter, to say nothing of hundreds of special statutes.

"It is not to become operative unless approved upon a referendum by the people of the city.

"It must be obvious to the members of the Charter Revision Commission that regardless of its legal status after December 31, 1922, for any effect whatever to be given to its work its report must be ready for submission at the opening of the legislative session on the 3d of January, 1923, and in fairness to Gov. Smith the report should be submitted sufficiently in advance of that time to permit him to make a proper reference to it in his communication to the Legislature.

"Moreover, I would not be entirely frank with the commission if I did not further say that the failure of the commission to adopt such a charter and report the same in due season will inevitably require that I should submit to the Legislature, for its prompt and appropriate action, the form of home rule charter submitted by me to your commission on January 10, 1922.

"Accordingly, I desire to give notice that at the meeting of your commission to be held on November 14, 1922, I shall move the approval and adoption of such charter, an additional copy of which is handed you herewith."

The Charter Revision Commission will meet at the Comptroller's office on Tuesday afternoon next.

CLEW IN HALL DIARY WILL BE FOLLOWED

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shreds of testimony that might be regarded as corroborating certain parts of Mrs. Gibson's story, but that did not in any way affect the main part, in which she alleged she saw the actual shooting.

It was Beckman's contention, and Gibb agreed as to this also, that it was not right to go to the Grand Jury with evidence not strong enough to warrant at least a hope of conviction at trial. They admitted an indictment was easy enough to get, but they held that Mott had not yet succeeded where Beckman had failed in building up a case strong enough to justify the hope of a conviction. They convinced Mott of the weakness of his case.

Now Mott wants Justice Parker to hurry back from Havana and charge the jury. It was ascertained to-day that he has cabled to Parker, telling him the situation and suggesting that if he him-

self cannot come he designate some one to act for him by cable.

It was learned to-night that Mott's case against the man who is supposed to have done the killing will be instantly met with an alibi as strong as at Lavallette. The man Mott and his sleuths have in mind was described to-day as "a member of the church, a crack shot and a resident of New Brunswick."

The detectives hold now, too, that but one automobile figured in the case, and that the man who did the killing drove to the scene with the "woman in gray" that Mrs. Gibson saw. It is said, too, that the member of the church whose fondness for feminine society led to his being suspected of being in the neighborhood that night was actually there but deserted De Russy lane just after the shots were fired, having seen something that upset his nerves. This story has come to the authorities in a way that indicates the difficulties faced by Mott and Mason, his chief of staff.

The church member told the story to a business friend in New Brunswick, who repeated it to a friend in Newark, and the latter told the authorities. When Mason and others tried to get the New Brunswick business man to tell them the story he said he knew nothing,

utterly repudiating his Newark friend. But this story will probably come out in a few days, and one vestryman, who, by the way, is not the man suspected of the actual shooting, is in a highly nervous state.

Mott and Mason conferred in Newark to-day and will come here on Monday to continue their investigation, according to present plans. They will examine several persons, among them Jimmy Mills, the sexton husband of the slain choir singer. It is possible Jimmy will be asked to tell what, if anything, he knows about Mrs. Mills's affairs with men other than Hall. The chances are Jimmy knows nothing.

Mott and Mason will probably examine also on Monday or Tuesday Barbara Tough and Louise Geist, servants in the Hall home; Mrs. Jane Gibson, Ralph V. M. Goraline and Henry Carpenter. Mrs. Gibson, it is understood, is to be called to see if she can make a clearer identification than she made on her last visit to the court house.

Goraline and Carpenter are both vestrymen of the church. Carpenter is a cousin of Mrs. Hall and his house is close to the Hall home. He said the other day that on the night of the murder he was dining with a friend, J. K. Rice, in Highland Park; that he returned home some time after 10 o'clock

and did not even know Hall was missing until Saturday afternoon, after the bodies were found. Mr. Rice to-night corroborated his statement regarding the dinner party.

HOTCHKISS TRINKETS ASKED OF MRS. ROCHE

Court Order Issued to Cousin of Late Justice.

Surrogate Cohalan yesterday directed Mable Hotchkiss Roche of 61 East Eighty-sixth street, cousin of the late Henry D. Hotchkiss, Supreme Court Justice, to show cause why she should not surrender to the Bankers Trust Company, temporary administrators of the estate, a gold watch, chain, pencil and clear cutter, said to have belonged to the late Justice.

Mrs. Alice T. Hotchkiss of 315 West Seventy-fifth street, the widow, and her daughter, Miss Florence S. Hotchkiss, who allege that the articles were in Justice Hotchkiss's possession two years before he died last spring, but now are held by Mrs. Roche, who had access to the room in which Justice Hotchkiss died.

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